(Rs. Crore)

Year	Applications received		Application sanctioned		Applications disbursed	
	No.	Cost of project	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
1999-2000	407	5771	309	2421	179	746
2000-2001	719	6296	616	2090	494	1863
2001-2002	472	1900	444	630	401	804
2002-2003	494	1835	456	839	411	931
2003-2004	867	3356	884	1341	814	856
2004-2005 (upto 31.12.04	798	5982	804	2218	654	1320
TOTAL	3757	25140	3513	9538	2953	6519

Promotion of Textiles Industry

299. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prime Minister has issued direction to the Textile ministry for preparing a strategy outlining the measures needed to attract investment, generation of employment and boosting of exports etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have worked out certain action plan to prepare the sector for post-quota regime; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) The Government had reviewed the peparedness of the Indian Textiles industry to meet the challenges in post MFA period and, *inter alia*, the following decisions were taken:

* Formulation of a strategy to create 12 million jobs in the textiles sector;

* Strengthening of the processing industry by providing an additional incentive under the Textile upgradation Fund Scheme:

* Action be initiated to assure the industry regarding the stability of fiscal duty regime in the textile sector and to take the rationalization further; and

* Consideration of the proposal of Ministry of Textiles to enhance the Plan allocation during the next five years.

(c) and (d) to improve the overall competitiveness of the Indian Textile Industry and keeping in view the Post-Quota regime, the Government has taken the following initiatives:

(i) Rationalisation of fiscal duty structure undertaken so as to attract investment and modernisation;

(ii) Launching of the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) to facilitate the modernisation and upgradation of the sector;

(iii) For accelerating modernization of the powerlooms segment of the textile industry, 20% Capital assistance is available on investment in specified machinery subject to a ceiling of Rs. 12 lakh on amount of assistance;

(iv) Announcement of a package for restructuring of debt portfolios of potentially viable textile units having debt exposure of Rs. 2 crore and above;

(v) De-reservation of the woven segment of readymade garments from the SSI sector. The SSI investment limit for knitted/hosiery segment increased from Rs. 1 crore to Rs. 5 crore;

(vi) A centrally sponsored scheme titled "Apparel Park for Export Scheme" launched for imparting focused thrust for setting up of apparel manufacturing units of international standards at potential growth centres and to give fillip to exports;

(vii) For upgrading infrastructure facilities at important textile centers, a scheme titled 'Textile Centre Infrastructure Development Scheme (TCIDS) has also been launched;

(viii) Cotton Technology Mission launched to improve the productivity and quality of cotton;

(ix) Imposition of a combination of *ad-valorem* and specific duty on "whichever is higher basis" on import of a number of textile items to safeguard the interest of domestic industry;

(x) The facility of accelerated depreciation at the rate of 50% extended to weaving, processing and garment machinery, which are covered under TUFS;

For boosting exports of textile and clothing Government provides financial assistance to Textile Export Promotion Councils under Marketing Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme;

Extension of Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme

300. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) has been extended by three years;

(b) if so, the reasons leading to this extension;

(c) what is the share of fund given to the Handloom Sector; and

(d) the new proposals, if any, for promoting Handloom Sector?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a)Yes, Sir.

(b) The Prime reasons leading to extension of TUFS include: